



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

For being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on March 6, 2009, John Gerald Giessinger was sentenced by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior United States District Judge, to serve 180 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

At 9:52 am on March 6, 2009, Omaha Police Officers served a search warrant at Giessinger's residence, looking for stolen goods. Officers found a .22 rifle in Giessinger's bedroom. Giessinger was prohibited from possessing a firearm and, in fact, was deemed to be an "Armed Career Criminal" as he has previously been convicted of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance in 1993, 1999, and 2002.

Name of Defendant: John Gerald Giessinger

AKA: n/a

Age: 43

City of Residence: Omaha

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: His home near 6th and Williams, Omaha

Location of Arrest: 6th and Williams

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 6, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: June 21, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: May 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: June 26, 2009

Plea Date(s): February 5, 2010

Sentencing Date: April 21, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. Thomas Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: June 21, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Lyle E. Strom

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